

in Hawaii, which was not included in the Administration's emergency supplemental request. **Page S3544**
 McCain/Ensign Amendment No. 3618, to strike \$15 million for a seafood promotion strategy that was not included in the Administration's emergency supplemental request. **Page S3544**

McCain/Ensign Amendment No. 3619, to strike the limitation on the use of funds for the issuance or implementation of certain rulemaking decisions related to the interpretation of "actual control" of airlines. **Page S3544**

Warner Amendment No. 3620, to repeal the requirement for 12 operational aircraft carriers within the Navy. **Pages S3544-48**

Warner Amendment No. 3621, to equalize authorities to provide allowances, benefits, and gratuities to civilian personnel of the United States Government in Iraq and Afghanistan. **Page S3544**

Coburn Amendment No. 3641 (Divisions II through XIX), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S3557-60**

Vitter Amendment No. 3627, to designate the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita as HUBZones and to waive the Small Business Competitive Demonstration Program Act of 1988 for the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita. **Page S3567**

Vitter/Landrieu Amendment No. 3626, to increase the limits on community disaster loans. **Page S3567**

Vitter Amendment No. 3628, to base the allocation of hurricane disaster relief and recovery funds to States on need and physical damages. **Pages S3567-68**

Vitter Modified Amendment No. 3648, to expand the scope of use of amounts appropriated for hurricane disaster relief and recovery to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for Operations, Research, and Facilities. **Pages S3568, S3632**

Wyden Amendment No. 3665, to prohibit the use of funds to provide royalty relief. **Pages S3632-34**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Chair sustained a point of order against Stabenow Amendment No. 3633, to provide an immediate Federal income tax rebate to help taxpayers with higher fuel costs, as being in violation of rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on appropriation matters, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S3548-50**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 27, 2006. **Page S3632**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of an Executive Order blocking property of additional

persons in connection with the national emergency with respect to Syria; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-45) **Page S3586**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Patrick Joseph Schiltz, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota. **Pages S3631, S3634**

Messages From the House: **Page S3586**

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Privileges of the Floor: **Page S3631**

Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—99) **Pages S3543, S3543-44, S3552, S3563, S3564, S3566**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:47 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 27, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3632.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BIOFUELS INDUSTRY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the biofuels industry, after receiving testimony from Bob Dinneen, Renewable Fuels Association, Washington, D.C.; Joe Jobe, National Biodiesel Board, Jefferson City, Missouri; Jay Derbertin, CHS, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota; and Robert C. Brown, Iowa State University Center for Sustainable Environmental Technologies, Ames.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL GUARD & RESERVE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Guard and Reserve, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General Clyde A. Vaughn, Director, Army National Guard; Major General Charles Ickes, II, Acting Director, Air National Guard; Lieutenant General James R. Helmly, Chief, Army Reserve; Vice Admiral John G. Cotton, Chief, Naval Reserve; Lieutenant General John W. Bergman, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve; and Lieutenant General John A. Bradley, Chief, Air Force Reserve.

APPROPRIATIONS: GAO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Government Accountability Office, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Gene L. Dodaro, Chief Operating Officer, Sallyanne Harper, Chief Administrator Office, and George G. Strader, Controller, all of the Government Accountability Office.

APPROPRIATIONS: NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Griffin, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,043 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

MATH AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine certain efforts to foster innovation in math and science education, after receiving testimony from Mary Ann Rankin, University of Texas at Austin; Paul Dugan, Washoe County School District, Reno, Nevada; Thomas N. McCausland, Siemens Medical Solutions, Malvern, Pennsylvania; and Ioannis Miaoulis, Museum of Science, Boston, Massachusetts.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts concluded a hearing to examine projected and past

effects of climate change, focusing on certain marine and terrestrial systems, after receiving testimony from Steven A. Murawski, Director, Scientific Programs and Chief Science Advisor, National Marine Fisheries Service and Ecosystem Goal Team Leader, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Thomas R. Armstrong, Program Coordinator, Earth Surface Dynamics Program, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Syun-Ichi Akasofu, International Arctic Research Center, Fairbanks, Alaska; Robert W. Corell, American Meteorological Society, Grasonville, Maryland; and Paul Reiter, Institut Pasteur, Paris, France.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Richard Capka, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, and James B. Gulliford, of Missouri, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances, and William Ludwig Wehrum, Jr., of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Also, Committee adopted a proposal to amend Committee Rule 7(d) on the naming of public buildings and facilities.

CUSTOMS AND TRADE AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine authorizations for activities of the United States International Trade Commission, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, United States Customs and Border Protection, and for an International Trade Data System, receiving testimony from Stephen Koplan, Chairman, International Trade Commission; Julie Myers, Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, United States Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Timothy E. Skud, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax, Trade, and Tariff Policy; Marian Duntley, Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc., Torrance, California, on behalf of the American Association of Exporters and Importers; Peter H. Powell, C.H. Powell, Company, Westwood, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc.; Brian Monks, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., Northbrook, Illinois; Jerry Cook, Sara Lee Branded Apparel, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and Mic Dinsmore, Port of Seattle, Seattle, Washington.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

U.S.-INDIA ATOMIC ENERGY COOPERATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States-India atomic energy cooperation, focusing on strategic and non-proliferation implications, including S. 2429, to authorize the President to waive the application of certain requirements under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 with respect to India, after receiving testimony from Ashton B. Carter, Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts; William J. Perry, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; Robert L. Gallucci, Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Ashley J. Tellis, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Robert J. Einhorn, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Gary Milhollin, Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, and Stephen P. Cohen, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.; and Ronald F. Lehman, II, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, California.

HIV/AIDS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security held an oversight hearing to examine Federal efforts to ensure early diagnosis and access to treatment for HIV/AIDS, focusing on how federal funding is being distributed to provide AIDS drugs and HIV testing opportunities in the United States, receiving testimony from Deborah Parham Hopson, Associate Administrator, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, and Kevin Fenton, Director, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Marcia Crosse, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Beth

Scalco, National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors, Washington, D.C.; and Michael Weinstein, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Los Angeles, California.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

DIGITAL RADIO REVOLUTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine the future of the music industry in the digital radio revolution, focusing on parity, platforms, and protection issues, receiving testimony from Edgar Bronfman, Jr., Warner Music Group, New York, New York; Gary Parsons, XM Satellite Radio Inc., Washington, D.C.; Bruce T. Reese, Bonneville International Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; N. Mark Lam, Live365, Inc., Foster City, California, on behalf of the Digital Media Association; Anita Baker, Grosse Point, Michigan; Todd Rundgren, Darby, Pennsylvania; and Victoria Shaw, Nashville, Tennessee.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

FINANCING AND ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the reauthorization of the Financing and Entrepreneurial Development programs administered by the Small Business Administration, after receiving testimony from Hector V. Barreto, Administrator, Small Business Administration; Harry C. Alford, National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Mark Morrisette, North Atlantic Capital, Portland, Maine, on behalf of the National Association of Small Business Investment Companies; James R. Baird, Bay Area Development Company, Walnut Creek, California; and James A. Maxwell, Granite State Economic Development Corporation/New England Business Finance, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 5196–5215; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 390–394; and H. Res. 778–782 were introduced. **Pages H1851–53**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1853–54**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3496, to amend the National Capital Transportation Act of 1969 to authorize additional Federal contributions for maintaining and improving the transit system of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 109–440); and

H. Res. 783, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4975) to provide greater transparency